September 26, 2021

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. Sunday Vigil 4:00 pm Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm Monday - Friday, 6:45 and 9:00 am Holy Days—Vigil Mass 7:30 pm Holy Day-6:45 & 9:00 a.m., 5:30 pm Holidays - 8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

All parishioners are asked to be formally registered with the parish. Registration is required to receive parish mailings, sponsor certificates, and sacraments. Call the Rectory office for information or go to strosechurch.com/register.

PENANCE

Confessions are celebrated each Saturday from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. or by special appointment with one of the priests.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. A pre-Baptism class is required for those wishing to baptize a child. For other important parent and sponsor related pre-requisites, please call the Rectory office or go to strosechurch.com/baptism.

FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE and CONFIRMATION

Religious education classes begin at age 4. First Grade is a pre-requisite for First Communion and First Penance. Attendance is required in each grade for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in grade 8. For more information and pre-requisites for these sacraments, go to strosechurch.com.

MARRIAGE

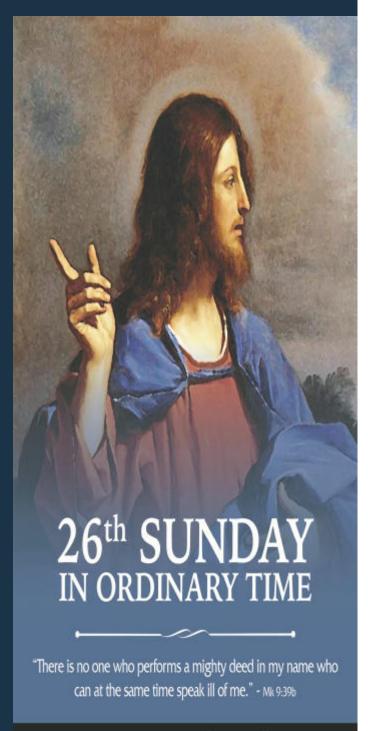
The couple is asked to contact one of the parish clergy to make arrangements for a wedding, which must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. For all other important pre-requisites for the marriage sacrament, go to strosechurch.com/marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory office if you wish to receive this sacrament or if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your home.

SAINT ROSE CEMETERY

The cemetery is located on the corner of Cherry and Black Cherry Streets in Sandy Hook. For more information, please contact the Office.



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.









Mass Intentions for the Week

Monda	ny, September 27	
6:45	Luis F. Goncalves Nella Pavia	
9:00	Robert Collier The Collier Family	
	Luigi Paniccia Rose & Mike Pavia	
Tuesday, September 28		
6:45	Steve Savarese Don & Marg Studley	
9:00	Richard Heise Dave & Ginny Jess	
	Rosemary Curry Family & Friends	
Wednesday, September 29		
6:45	St. Rose Parishioners	
9:00	Mary Maye Jeanne Branson	
	Patricia Eng The Renzi Family	
Thursday, September 30		
6:45	Ernest Martelli Richard & Mary Allaire	
9:00	Louis Camputo David Camputo	
	Tom Kirrane Vincenza & Peter McNulty	
Friday, October 1		
6:45	Linda Manna Don & Marg Studley	
9:00	John Moehring St. Rose School	
	George Murphy St. Rose School	
Saturday, October 2		
8:00	Linda Fagan Manna The Del Rossi Family	
4:00	Eileen Malsch	
	Mary DiCrescenzo Lena Natale	
	y, October 3	
7:30	Angela Pepe Debbie & Pat Pepe	
9:30	Bethany Mass	
11:30	Anthony, Walter & William Burzynski LaVerne	
	Burzynski	
	Evan Horowitz Friends of Evan	

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Eileen Malsch as requested by Jim and Kelly Gerbo.



The Pro-Life & Family vigil candle will be lit this week in memory of Patricia Eng as requested by the Renzi Family.

Michele Pavia Vic & Cindy DeGirolamo

WEDDING BANNS

5:00



Banns: III Kelly Benevides & Brandon Sheehan
Banns: I Nicole Scalora & Guillermo Rojas
Banns: I Jessica O'Toole & Dakota Christiano

GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

You have given us the privilege as well as the responsibility of being loving grandparents. In the name of Jesus, we ask You to guide us as we invite our grandchildren to hear Your call to service and leadership in our Church. May our grandchildren respond with deep faith and generosity to the needs of God's people. Help us to be a source of encouragement to our grandchildren by our own desire to be committed people who serve with love and enthusiasm. Amen.

National Religious Vocation Committee. Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, Foundress, SSND

THE 2022 MASS BOOK WILL BE OPENING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 for intentions. Due to the pandemic we will only take intentions via email at parishsecretary@strosechurch.com or you can drop your list and payment in the green mailbox outside the rectory marked "Parish Use Only". Please do not come in person to book Masses on Oct. 6. Also, consolidate the number of Masses on your list so that we can accommodate all requests. Give us your name, phone number, email address, the names for the intentions, the Mass date and time you request.

The stipend is \$10 per Mass payable by check or cash. Masses will be at 6:45 and 9 a.m. weekdays, 4 p.m. on Saturday, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Any questions, call the office at 203-426-1014.

Resurrection of the Dead Ouestion:

What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead? **Answer:**

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be *our* body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul! ©LPi

Save the Date: Calling all men and young men (age 12+)! Please join your St. Rose brothers at the 6th Annual *An Evening With...*Dr. John Murphy, St Rose Parishioner, Devout Catholic and President/CEO of Nuvance Health speaking about his faith journey. Sunday, November 14th at 6:00 PM in the Holy Innocence building and via Zoom. Dinner and beverages will be served. A goodwill donation is appreciated.

BECOME A ROMAN CATHOLIC!!

Are you tired of sitting in the pew while everyone else goes up for Holy Communion? Did you receive your Sacraments of Initiation? Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Church, or are you interested in joining?

RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins the first week of November, 2021. We encourage any adult who has questions about Catholicism to join us. RCIA is open to adults who seek to receive their Sacraments of Initiation. If you or someone you know is seeking to be Confirmed, to receive First Holy Communion, Reconciliation or to be baptized into the Catholic Church, please contact Donna Locke, (d.locke@snet.net or 203 513 0822). We'd love to have you join in our journey of faith.

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

ON TURNING 75

I have been trying for several months now to try to wrap my head around what it means to be celebrating my 75th birth-day. Like most of us this age, I do not feel 75, although no one has been able to tell me how you should feel. Some say it is just a number, others remind me that you are as young as you feel. Nevertheless, it marks being alive for three quarters of a century...and that is when I realize that 75 is a lot of years and a lot of living! When I was born in 1946, the predicted life expectancy of a man born that year was his mid sixties! I guess I broke the curve on that one! When I look back through 75 falls, 75 winters, 75 springs and 75 summers, each of those seasons has a special meaning for me.

Fall brought school. I was blessed by my parents who made the sacrifices to send me to Catholic school from grade 1 through 12. I received an incredible education from dedicated Sisters of Saint Joseph, holy and good priests and outstanding lay men and women. I am sure it is because of my parents' deep faith and the example of my teachers that the Lord called me to my vocation. I entered seminary in Rochester, New York at age 17 and started another new journey. After 4 years at Saint Andrew's Seminary/Saint John Fisher College and 4 years of theology at Saint Bernard's Seminary and 1 year as a deacon intern at Saint Christopher Parish in Rochester, I was ordained. Studying theology during the Second Vatican Council was truly a challenge! I thank God for those who have taught me and gave me a solid foundation in the things that truly matter.

Winters brought darkness. Being in seminary during the 60's and 70's was quite a roller coaster. The Church was changing, the world was changing, societal morals and values were changing at a pace with which you could not keep up. I entered seminary with 104 other men, and one by one they started leaving formation. Religious Sisters and priests were leaving their vocation. It created a great deal of turbulence and confusion in me. Every one of my best friends left during formation or after ordination. I remember going into the seminary chapel at night with only the flicker of the sanctuary candle asking myself why I was staying. These men were smarter, holier and more talented; what did they see that I could not? Those were dark days and long nights! My ministry has also filled me with some darkness. In my very first year as a priest three young girls from my parish were kidnapped and killed. I remember sitting with those parents for endless hours with no answers to offer them. So many other sadnesses crept their way into my priesthood through the years, most recently Sandy Hook. I realized in the darkness and during all these happenings that God was answering my question why I stayed.

But then comes the spring when everything comes back to life! We celebrate resurrection and all things new. Spring brought my ordination 48 years ago. It also brought new ministry assignments. I have been incredibly blessed by the parishes in which the Lord called me to serve: Saint Andrew's in Bridgeport, Stamford Catholic High School/Saint Leo's in Stamford, Saint Jude's in Monroe, Saint Joseph's in Shelton and now Saint Rose. I lived and ministered with wonderful pastors, priests, deacons and seminarians, each of whom had a special gift to share. I was made a pastor at a relatively young age for the times and quickly realized what being a shepherd is all about! I am grateful for the Bishop-shepherds who accepted and guided me. I had the privilege of being the librarian for Bishop Fulton Sheen while in seminary, ordained by Bishop Joseph Hogan in Rochester, called to task for dancing by Bishop Walter Curtis (that is a story in itself!!), trusted to become a young pastor by Edward Cardinal Egan, gifted with the title of Monsignor by Archbishop William Lori and invited to become a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre by Bishop Frank Caggiano. Each of these men carried and continue to carry heavy burdens and yet always supported and encouraged me.

Summer arrives! My ministry to youth was a very important part of my life, especially in Bridgeport, Stamford and Monroe. Things change when you become a pastor, but I have always encouraged and supported the development of strong youth ministry in my parishes. Youth bring us vitality, challenge us to new ways of thinking and offer us the privilege of watching them become effective and gifted young men and women. In light of the times, I am grateful to all the parents who trusted me with their children, even when I was perhaps more immature than their child! We had great times together, and I cherish the memory of every one of them.

So I look back with gratitude, and maybe that is the answer to my question as to how I should feel at 75. Faith-filled and loving parents, great brothers, a solid education in faith and life, a vocation to the priesthood, great examples of commitment and dedication, a blessed ministry, phenomenal men and women who love and support the Church and their parishes and me...and 75 seasons of fall, winter, spring and summer!

Thank you for walking through them with me!



Week of Sept 26 - A Week Rotation.

CLASSES BEGIN!

Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, September 26. Fall classes will begin in person for the A Week Rotation of classes. Please refer to the Religious Ed webpage or the Weekly RE Newsletter for your student's rotation schedule. We encourage all home-schooling parents to also begin teaching their children at home during this same week, to develop a consistent schedule that your family can adhere to.

First Day of Class Food Drive:

We will be collecting items to donate to the FAITH Food Pantry on the first days of Religious Ed classes, as a way of giving back to our community. Please refer to the flyer sent in the weekly RE newsletter to see what items we are collecting for each grade level, including homeschooling. Home-School families can participate by dropping off items in the bin outside of our office. Thank you!

Catechist Gathering Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to our Catechist Luncheon and the Retirement Party for Meg Arena and Kate Kunze. It was a delightful day, filled with much gratitude and happiness. We appreciate every catechist who has answered the call to teach the children of St. Rose Religious Education. We are also grateful to our security team, our volunteers that work many hours in our office, and the volunteers who help with our classroom routines each week. We appreciate each of you. Thank you to Justine Kohlsaat, and Sue Dinsmore for donating their time to set up and coordinate the luncheon/retirement party. We really appreciate it.

Grade 8 Commitment Mass

On Sunday, October 17, we will celebrate 6:30 pm mass with all of our 8th grade students, as we prepare for the year of Confirmation. Due to social distancing and room capacity, students may bring 2 parents OR a parent and a sponsor. This mass will count for Sunday obligation. Details will be sent to the 8th grade students in the coming weeks.

Grade 2 Instructional Mass

On Saturday, October 30, Monsignor Bob Weiss will lead an instructional mass for our students who will be receiving First Communion. This mass will begin promptly at 9:30 am, so we ask that all students and parents be seated by 9:15 am. Details will be sent to all First Communion students in the coming weeks.

St. Rose Memorial Fund

The St. Rose Memorial Fund has graciously been chosen by the following families in memory of Catherine Welch. We are most grateful for their generosity.

Gift of Annemarie and Roger Bouteiller Gift of Gregory & Patricia Bohnsack

SCHOOL NEWS

Happy 75th Birthday Monsignor Bob! St. Rose School has been blessed by your support and love through the years. As a symbol of our heartfelt appreciation and ongoing love of you, we planted a tree on the hill in front of the gathering hall. It will be an everlasting reminder of how you have helped students in Preschool - 8th grade bloom in mind, heart and soul. May God bless you today and always.

St. Rose School is ALIVE with lessons, laughter and love. The classrooms and hallways are filled with the sounds of happy children. Our dedicated teachers guide students on an enriching journey of discovery day after day. The stellar curriculum is enhanced with classes in Art, Musical Theater, Physical Education and Spanish. We are delighted to also offer a myriad of After School Enrichment programs. Student Council elections will take place soon and service projects are starting. The best thing of all is that we are once again coming together in church for Friday mass. What a blessing it is to be a part of the St. Rose School community. To learn more visit www.stroseschool.com.

Our Heartfelt THANKS to all who support St. Rose School! Your donations enable us to provide a stellar academic, faith-focused education for children in Preschool through 8th grade. We have a rich history and a bright future because of you! Every gift makes a big difference! https://www.stroseschool.com/giving/blooms-fund Checks, made payable to St. Rose School, can be mailed to 40 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470 Attn: Advancement.

Thank you and God Bless!

Help Pave the Way to Many Bright Futures -- Be a part of the St. Rose School Blooms Brick Walk! Bricks make great gifts for graduation, communion, confirmation, weddings and so many other precious life moments. The Brick Walk will be by the Angel of Hope statue located directly in front of the school. Phase 1 of the Brick Walk is underway -- bricks will be installed in the early Fall. Phase 2 sales are open now. Make a lasting mark on campus! https://polarengraving.com/stroseoflimaschool or email bloomsbricks@srles.com.

Calling all alumni -- we'd love to hear from you! Email advancement@srles.com to share your news in ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS and stay connected with all who have walked in these halls since 1958! Like us on Facebook, StRoseofLimaSchool; follow us on Instagram, StRoseNewtown.

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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PASTORAL VISITS

Are you or a family member Homebound, or in a short-term facility for Rehabilitation, in a Nursing Home, Hospital or on Hospice Care?



Would you like a Pastoral/Eucharistic Minister to visit you &/or bring you Communion? Because of HIPPA regulations, we have no means of knowing if you are in any of the above situations unless you notify us. Please feel free to call Sister Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. We are looking forward to your call and to serving you.

OUTREACH MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Outreach Ministry program meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center at 6:30 p.m. The program is postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Rectory Conference Room at 10 a.m. The next Prayer Shawl meeting is Saturday, October 2nd, 2021.



Do you know someone who is sick, grieving or lonely? Consider blessing them with a prayer shawl. Call Sr. Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572 with your requests.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Social Concerns Committee is to support our parishioners and neighbors in need. Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, October 5th, 11a.m. in the Holy Innocents Center. New members always welcome.

Our Cares Box is in the back of the church. On the 3rd weekend of every month, you'll find it in the vestibule. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to support our local organizations.

Parishioner to Parishioner ("Available" items are offered free of charge. Just make arrangements to pick them up.)

Available: Fairly new natural wood baby crib Needed: Nothing this week

For Social Concerns information please call: Kathleen Belmont, 203-470-3107, and leave a message.

ROSARY RECITATION IN CHURCH

In front of the Blessed Mother statue M.-F. 9 a.m. Mass.

"Whatever you did to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me". Mt. 25:4



PARISH NURSE MINISTRY: HEALTH TIPS

Nancy Rhodes APRN-BC, Parish Nurse



Vitamin D is an absolute requirement for healthy living. When your vitamin D level is below 30 ng/mi, you are at increased risk for calcium loss from bones, osteoporosis, poor

wound healing, increased muscle pain, increased joint and back pain, greater risk of depression, increased diabetes, increased schizophrenia, increased migraines, increased autoimmune disease (lupus, scleroderma), increased allergies, increased preeclampsia and increased inflammation. Have your vitamin D level checked yearly! Your optimal blood level should be 50-80 ng/mi. By having these higher levels, you have a 50% reduction in breast cancer and solid tumor cancers, and with a level 80-100 ng/mi it slows down the cancer growth in patients with cancer.

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

If the economy, job loss, illness or an unexpected emergency has caused your family to have difficulty regarding housing issues for St. Rose parishioners, please contact Sr. Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. Everything is strictly confidential. St. Joseph, pray for us! Praise the Lord!

He takes care of His children!

LIFT-A-SPIRIT MEAL MINISTRY

There is nothing nicer than a home-cooked meal! For many members of our St. Rose parish family who are dealing with chronic illnesses or who are facing medical emergencies, a hot meal, made with love and prayers, is nourishing to the body and soul.



Please consider joining our group. Contact Kathy: 203-456-6303.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Do you have cancer? Are you a cancer survivor? Are you a family member of someone who has cancer? Have you lost a loved one to cancer? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are encouraged to attend a support group being held the second Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. virtually. For more information please contact Frank Sequenzia at 203-948-1369, email: flsequenzia@gmail.com and he will send you the zoom details.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Become a Friendly Visitor and spend time once a month with elderly who are isolated due to illness or infirmity. Please contact Sister Mary Ellen Genova at 203-426-2572 or Mariotte Corson at 203-426-9275.

(MEETINGS)

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY Spiritual Journey will resume on Thurs. Sept. 30th. All who want to join us in learning more about our Faith are welcome. Deacon Norm has generously offered to lead the group again this year. We will meet weekly at 10:15 in the Holy Innocents Building. We will follow the Didache Series, Faith and Revelation, Knowing God Through Sacred Scripture. All materials will be provided. There is no charge.

The FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The meetings are on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Road. Questions? Blanca at 203-426-3253.

ST. ROSE JOB NETWORKING: The next Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) Zoom meeting is 6:00 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Join us for an **in-person**, **interactive panel discussion** with Talent Acquisition professionals from some local companies. The panel will provide insight on best practices for working with recruiters and corporations, along with discussing hiring trends in today's job market. Come with questions to ask panel.

ST. ROSE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING

Are you interested in being involved with men seeking the Lord asking for His guidance to fulfill the calling on your Life? Then this men's group is what you are looking for. Hope to see you soon! For additional info, contact Tony Evertez at tevertez@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158. Meetings are Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at 38 Church Hill Rd.

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING

The Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting is Mon. Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. Rectory conference room. For info, please contact Fr. Tom Przybyl, 203-426-1014.

LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Mornings: 1st Tuesday of each month after 9 a.m. Mass Evenings: 1st Tuesday of each month 5 to 6:30 p.m. both in the Bride's Room. The aim is to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the Cross for the love of souls. The Special Mission is to work for the salvation and the sanctification of the members of their own Families and of the poorest of the poor of the whole world. Come see.

WEBS - WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY

We invite you to join us for our fall book study *The Contagious Catholic: The Art of Practical Evangelization*, by Marcel LeJeune. The author diagnoses the common problems that Catholics face when sharing the faith. Meetings are held Thursdays from 10 am to 11:30 am outside in the Bell Garden weather permitting, or in the Holy Innocents building. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-994-5106 or lynchejd@gmail.com with questions or to order a book. Books on Amazon or Ascension Press.

<u>C&L (Communion and Liberation</u>) is an ecclesial movement in the Catholic Church based on the premise that Faith lived out in communion, is the foundation of the true liberation of man. CL website: https://english.clonline.org/. As of Oct. 6 we meet every Wednesday 7:00 to 9:00pm. at 38 Church Hill Road. For more information, please call at 203-426-9275 or email at <a href="mailto:m

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Meetings are postponed until further notice. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5pm in the Chapel. All welcome.

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ST. ROSE MEN'S FAITH NETWORK

Due to the coronavirus, meetings on campus are postponed. The Men's Faith Network is designed to help parish men of all ages explore what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Our primary mission is to help men grow in faith, accountability, and fellowship; emphasizing real-life application. We meet each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Holy Innocents building. All parish men are welcome! Contact Mike Ryan at mryan9497@gmail.com

YOUNG WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP

Due to the coronavirus, the meetings are postponed until further notice.

The group meets at Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center on the fourth Tuesday of the month to present and discuss a topic relevant to widowhood. Find help dealing with the significant changes a spouse's death brings. Meet people in similar circumstances for support, friendship and understanding. For more info www.meetup.com/widows-ct or call 203-426-0481.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS resumes Oct. 2

AA meets every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. in the upper room at 38 Church Hill Road. AA is a fellowship of men and women who help each other from Alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help others achieve sobriety. Come join us.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

If you want to connect with other women looking to know Christ, love Him more and see how His words relate to our life, join WWP...Registration is Open! Cost is \$35 plus the cost of the Study Guidebook. Registration Link:https://www.osvhub.com/stroseoflimachurch/forms/wwp-registration. We meet Wednesday mornings at 10-11:45am and Wednesday evenings from 7-8:45pm and will be held at Holy Innocents Hall - *Beginning on September 29th*. There will be a virtual option offered at the same time, however space is limited. Childcare is offered for the morning session at an additional cost. Go to our link for more details. Questions? Contact Joanne Ihlefeld at ihlejpi@gmail.com for Morning Session or Liz Brestovansky at lizbrestovansky@gmail.com for Evening Session.

ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB -All are welcome

We are an organization of women united in faith and fellowship. We welcome any women of St. Rose Parish who have an interest in becoming members. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SRWC is not meeting in person. For the past year SRWC members have been supporting each other and our parish by praying for the sick, the hospitalized, the recovering, and reaching out to the lonely, the needy, and the elderly, who are staying home alone. We write, call, visit if possible, inform members where there is a need, and pray for each other. Everyone is welcome to join us. On the second Tuesday of each month, some of our members meet in a home or at St. Rose Cemetery to pray the ROSARY together for the intentions of our members. On the third Thursday of each month, interested members meet for our BOOK GROUP, led by Renee Baade. Call the rectory with any questions.



The next pro-life committee meeting will be on Oct. 4 at 7 pm in the Rectory.

40 Days for Life, an ecumenical, internationally-coordinated 40-day peaceful Pro-Life campaign to end abortion centered around a focused, 40-day prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility, has started and runs from Sept 22 to Oct 31. To find out more or sign up for a timeslot visit https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/bridgeport

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend October 29 - 31, 2021 in Farmington, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mideighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

On July 29th the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to provide taxpayer funding of elective abortions for Medicaid recipients. Since 1976, every appropriations bill that passed the House included the Hyde amendment, which bars federal funding of abortion except in rare circumstances. The House plan is also to eliminate all Hyde related amendments such as the Weldon amendment, which protects the right of medical professionals to not participate in abortions. The next step for each of the budget bills will be the U.S. Senate.

Please visit https://action.ctcatholicpac.org/ as well as www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com to learn more.

For more information on the Church's guidance on moral questions in regards to vaccines and aborted fetal tissue, please visit https://www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'" -USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic"

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SERVING US May God keep special watch over these men and women serving in the United States Military

United States Army LTC Andra Allison MAJ Robert A. Bassett, DO PFC Ryan J. Bepko PVT Jack Carello 2LT Patrick Carello SGT Daniel Cartisano PVT Ronald Corris SSG Anthony T. D'Aquila

1LT Stephen Gardner
MAJ Rachel (Askue) Hoffman
CPT Michael Hubbard
CPT Tucker Hughes
CPT Paul M. Kearney
LTC Matthew A. LaRocca
WO Rylan McCullom
SGT Thomas J. Merrifield
LTC Sean Pond
SPC Matthew Rahtelli
ILT Liam Thies
LTC Benjamin Wallen
General Peter J. Whalen
CPT Daniel Wilcox

United States Air Force
SSgt. Daniel Carlson
Capt. Keegan Frobey Matchett
A1C Alexandria Matjievic
SSgt. Travis Mueller
Lt Co John Murphy
SrA Emily Pieretti
MSgt James Rebman
Maj Drew Taylor
Capt Katie Taylor
TSgt Daniel West
Capt Kimberly Solheim West
Capt Jessica Zencey
Capt Gregory Zencey
Maj Philip Zencey

U.S. Coast Guard SN Charles Agius LT Logan C. Mars LT Scott B. Nichols LT Meridith A. Palo CDR Paul D. Tessitore United States Navy
ENS Julia Davis
SN Philip DeMayo
SN Danielle Godejohn
LT Andrew Golankiewicz
LT Alex Islin
LT Allison Kirk Islin
CPO Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.
LT Daniel Kirk
ENS Michael Kirk
CDR Timothy Krippendorf
BUMC Robert James Mandulak
MIDN Nathan Mars
LT Brian Murphy
GM Ethan Parsons
CAPT John Porado
SN Eric Ralston, Jr.
CPO Matthew Sidor
CDR Joseph P. Smith
PO1 Christopher Szabo

Army National Guard WO2 Matthew Bergquist LTC Todd Bookless PFC Louis Enriquez SGTThomas Monckton CPT Matthew D. Seibert

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DIACONATE DISCOVERY EVENINGS

Watch for future dates and meanwhile speak to any of the clergy if you are having a sense of a call to the diaconate.



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at https://wwmectw.org/. "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Fill

your hearts with joy by learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

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THE FACE OF PRAYER

The Face of Prayer recently launched phase two of its campaign to create an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people. Visit www.thefaceofprayer.com to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders across the country. Be sure to also join the movement by texting **PRAY** to **55778** to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

VERITAS CATHOLIC RADIO

We are on **1350AM on the radio**, and you can also live stream broadcasts through the app which is available at the Apple Store and at the Google Play Store.

Project Rachel: Do you know someone who is carrying the pain and sorrow of a past abortion? The Diocese of Bridgeport is hosting an **Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing for women** on Saturday, June 12, 2021. For confidential registration or more information, call 203-416-1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!

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For those attending a parking lot Mass, turn your radio dial to 89.9 FM to listen to the Mass. An extra-ordinary minister will bring Communion out to the parking lot for those wishing to receive Communion.

Annual Outdoor Rosary Rally at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish: Saturday, October 16th at noon. Join us as we celebrate the 104th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and the 'Miracle of the Sun'. The Program will begin promptly at noon on Saturday, October 16th in front of the outdoor statue of Our Lady in the traffic circle. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church is located at 138 Candlewood Lake Road in Brookfield, CT.

FLU SHOT CLINICS

Thurs., Oct. 7--10a.m. to 12 Newtown Municipal Center Saturday, Oct. 9—10a.m. to 1p.m. Newtown Middle School Saturday, Oct. 16—10a.m. to 12—Newtown Middle School Wednesday, Oct. 20—9—11 a.m.—Newtown Senior Center Thursday, Nov. 4—10a.m.-12—Newtown Municipal Center Saturday, Nov. 13—10a.m.-1p.m.—Newtown Middle School

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8th graders are required to take our Placement Test on Saturday, October 16 or Saturday, November 20 at 8:30 a.m. Cost for the Exam is \$25. Applications and financial aid applications (FACTS) are due on December 1.

For additional information and to confirm your attendance contact Director of Enrollment Management, Terri Ann Parks at 203-757-9248 or tparks@holycrosshs-ct.com or visit the Holy Cross website at www.holycrosshs-ct.com

The Voice of St. Rose is an online streaming Internet Service operated by St. Rose Parish. This provides a wonderful opportunity to listen in and watch the Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass and 9 a.m. weekdays live, and all parish archives through our parish website available strosechurch.com or the St. Rose Parish YouTube website. All scheduled Masses are streamed via the Audiocasts over the Voice of St. Rose service affectionately known as "All Things Catholic". There is additional programming carried over this audio stream from the Vatican and many sources between Mass times from around the diocese including our own Monsignor Bob's "Weiss Wednesday". For all the details see the St. Rose Parish website.

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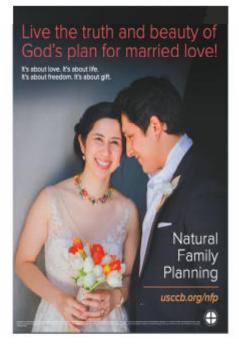
Weiss Wednesdays: Monsignor Weiss offers thoughts and reflections on what it means to live a faith-filled life as a Roman Catholic and navigate through the challenging world around us.

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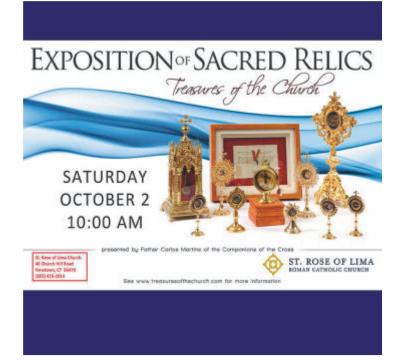
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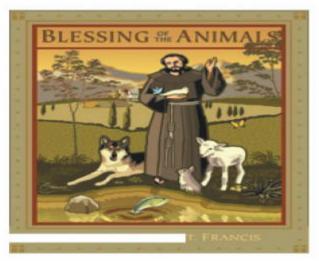
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Registration: ccli.org

Instructors: Adrienne and Al Keogler Questions: adriennekeogler@gmail.com







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All attendees must wear a mask during individual blessings.



St. Rose of Lima 46 Church Hill Rd, Newtown Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center Free Vaccination Clinic-Open to public THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 4pm-8pm No Appointment Needed

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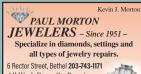


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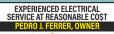


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